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SIERRA CLUB, ANGELES CHAPTER, HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION

#### CONSERVATION NOTES

Years ago President Theodore Roosevelt admonished: "In the Grand Canyon, Arizona has a natural wonder which, so far as I know, is in kind absolutely unparalleled throughout the rest of the world...Leave it as it is. You cannot improve on it. The ages have been at work on it, and men can only mar it."

At the present time the defense of the Grand Canyon is a top-priority of the Sierra Club. This beautiful scenic resource is being threatened by the proposed Marble Gorge and Bridge Canyon Dams. This may well prove to be one of the most bitter conservation fights in many decades. Francois Leydet is the author of the Sierra Club publication FILE AND THE RIVER FLOWING: GRAND CANYON David Brower edited the book and wrote the foreword to it. The following is an excerpt from this foreword: "Most of the exquisite beauty of Glen Canyon was destroyed early in 1963 when the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation closed a dam that was not necessary for this century and perhaps would never have been necessary. Now the same bureau has proposed to build dams in Grand Canyon itself--to end the living river's flowing for all this civilization's time.

"The dams the bureau plans to build in Marble Gorge and at Bridge Canyon, within the Grand Canyon proper, would destroy not only the living river but also the

life forms that through the ages have come to depend upon the river's life. The major part of the canyon walls would still be there, but the pulsing heart of the place would be stopped. A chain of destructive forces would be begun in what by law was set apart as part of the National Park System, to be preserved unimpaired for all America's future."

The campaign still goes on to limit destruction of the world's tallest trees, the redwoods.

In the last few weeks it was noted that the latest condor count was only 40. In order to preserve an unspoiled preserve for these rare birds, the Sierra Club is asking the Forest Service to refrain from building any more roads near the Santa Condor Rd. and the Peak-McPherson Ridge. These are peaks on the Hundred Peaks list so the area is of personal interest to all Section members.

Morro Rock in Morro Bay has sometimes been called the "Gibraltar of the Pacific". Many who have enjoyed vacations near Morro Bay and savored the beauty of the "mountain in the surf" are not aware that the Army Corps of Engineers has long used this historic landmark as a quarry, feeling that this easy source of rock is the cheapest and easiest method of breakwater construction and other harbor repairs. However, the army engineers have noted that the

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JANUARY 21--RED LETTER DAY!

--2--"BITS"

Thursday evening, January 21, is fast approaching! Do you have your reservation in yet for the BIG BANQUET which will be held in honor of long-time members and emblem holders? There are reservations still to be had, but Chairman Steve Nolnar is looking forward to a "full house".

Janis Harley has been hard at work obtaining a number of exciting and worthwhile prizes. Does a \$35.00 gift certificate from Kelty sound like fun? Or interesting publications from Dawson's? Maybe merchandise certificates of \$15.00 and \$5.00(2 of these!) from Gerry's and Sport Craft respectively will spur you on to writing out that reservation check of \$4.00 NOW!

Bob Hawthorne will have a peaks-guessing game that will really puzzle you during our social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Ben Romano is Program Chairman and this augurs of success. Have you heard any of his latest jokes yet?

This banquet is open not only for Section members, but all our fellow Sierra Club members who are interested in honoring those who have been active in Club activities.

See you on the 21st! Let's make this endeavor a big success.

\*\*\*\*\* SUICIDE PEAK DEC. 12

Thirty-one Sierrahs and friends met at Idyllwild Village Square and then caravanned to the starting point of a very scenic 3-mile hike to Suicide Peak. Across the valley from the peak, Lily Rock looked very imposing. All made the peak and enjoyed lunch on a very cool and windy summit.

Gene Andrcosky led this enjoyable hike assisted by Steve Nolnar. Six of the more daring made a circular tour by descending the rock to Humber Park Trail for their return to the Village Square.

Steve Nolnar.

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#### NE S OF AN OLD FRIEND OF THE SECTION

When Paul Schooley of Riverside returned his questionnaire, he included the following information: "Have been doing plenty of hiking and bushwhacking, looking for waterfalls, mountain sheep(have seen plenty) and climbing rough side canyons". Let us hear from you again!



#### Chairman's Corner —

The 100-Peaks Section Committee is eager to have a program of the greatest good for the Sierra Club and for you, the members of our Section. We believe that by promoting activities that our members enjoy, newcomers will hear about us, then hike with us, and finally stay with us. We enjoy hiking up and down peaks, through canyons, over ridges, trails and exploring trailless areas. We may have little thought of conservation on the first few hikes we attend, but it is not long before we "get the bug" and enjoy our "scenic resources of the United States and its forests, water, wildlife and wilderness". We are anxious to "enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting them". We think that a good way to do this is to encourage more people to hike with us. The way we can do this is to have more fun on hikes.

I realize that you just filled in one questionnaire; could we bother you for another? The information you give us will help us have more fun on our hikes.

#### HAPPY HIKING IN '65!

Chairman Bob Hawthorne

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The questionnaire that Bob wants answered is on Page 4. If you haven't mailed in the one the secretary(Miriam Lyhne) wants, you could mail both of the requests together and Miriam will forward Bob's to him immediately.

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HIKING WITH RALPH AND ROBBY

When Ralph Conn and his nine-year old son Robby climbed their 25th peak, they were elated and wanted to share their experience with us.

"Rob and I climbed our 25th peak under interesting circumstances. We went up to Islip Saddle on Dec. 20th to participate in an East San Gabriel Valley climb of Mt. Williamson. It was raining at the saddle and quite windy. When the leader showed up, he didn't have a poncho so because of this and the (Cont'd on p. 4.)

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rock is not of sufficient density, weight or hardness to use for break-water rehabilitation alone because it will not withstand for long the heavy wave action and winter storms. If continued blasting of Morro Rock is done its beauty will be lost and can never be restored.

It is important that proper legislation be enacted to prohibit further devastation of this beautiful national landmark and for its legal return to the State of California. HR 9672, introduced by Burt Talcott, R-Calif., is designed to do this. Anyone who is interested in saving this rock should write to: The Hon. George Murphy or the Hon. Thomas Kuchel, both at the Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., or to the Hon. Burt Talcott, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.

It is to be hoped that all Section members will take personal interest in the efforts that are being made to save our scenic resources and that they will get busy and write letters regarding one or all of the above mentioned conservation projects. It is to be remembered that it is our mutual purpose to "Explore, enjoy, and preserve scenic resources of the United States and its forests, waters, wildlife and wilderness; and to enlist public interest and cooperation in protecting them."

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE EMBLEM HOLDERS!!!

Our 90th Emblem holder is Ralph Norton, 91st-Janis Hawley, 92nd-Bruce Collier, 93rd-Deborah Cubberly, 94th-Kiriam Kyhre.

That represents a lot of hiking and climbing--and a lot of fun, too. Deborah is the daughter of Dr. David Cubberly and Mrs. Cubberly of the famous hiking and climbing Cubberly's. Bruce is to be commended on his emblem because not only does he find time to be very active in 100-Pks. work, but he is active in other sections as well, leading and scouting hikes, acting on committees, etc. Jan and Kiriam climbed their 100 in 9 mos.-

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## SPRING SCHEDULE 100-PEAKS SECTION

March: 7	Iron #3, Rabbit Pk.
13,14	Martinez Pk., Sheep Mtn.
21	Cleghorn Mtn.
28	Chaparroso, Eureka
April: 3,4	Eagle Crag, Morgan Hill
10,11	Bear Mtn., Cummings Mt.
24	Chief Pk.
May: 1,2	Old Man Mtn., Monte Arido
15,16	Keller Hut-Craft Pk., Slide, Keller Pk.
29,30,31	McKinley, Santa Cruz, San Rafael
June: 5	Mt. Pacifico, Baro Mtn.
12,13	Lake Pk.
20	Will Thrall Dedication
27	Baden-Powell, Burnham.

Just think how much closer you will be to that EMBLEM b the end of June!

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## WELCOME TO NEW SECTION MEMBERS

Since October we have four new members in the 100-Peaks Section. A hearty welcome to: Bob Van Allen and his son James, George Gorgura and to Ralph Conn. Our membership has reached 221 and thus we continue our steady growth. Ralph Conn's son, Robby, age nine, climbed the 25 peaks with his Dad and we think that's a fine accomplishment and welcome Robby as another of our young "mascots".

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers to help man the Sierra Club Booth and Exhibit at the Sportsman's Show are needed. The 100-Peaks Section is going to work on this project the afternoon of Jan. 30. If you can spare an hour or two on that Saturday, please contact Kiriam Kyhre, phone # 935-3536 as soon as possible.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee met on Dec. 10, 1964 at Bob Hawthorne's home. All Committee members were present.

There was a discussion of smoking on hikes arising from the fact that it had been noticed there was laxity on the part of some hikers in this regard. It was decided that leaders were responsible for seeing that all Forest Service and County and Club rules were observed.

Janis Hawley gave to the Mtn. Records Committee a list of peaks which she felt should be removed from the list. Those to be evaluated are: Mt. Gleason, Mt. Sally, Garnet Mtn., Barley Flats, Onyx, and Ortega Hill.

Due to the many matters which had to be decided about the Banquet, a special meeting would be held to handle Banquet business.

Discussion followed regarding feasibility of purchasing a duplicating machine for the Section.

The Committee met on Dec. 29, 1964, to discuss Banquet matters. Meeting was held at Club headquarters. All members were present.

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THERE WILL BE A GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SECTION FEBRUARY 4, 1965, AT 8:00 P.M. at BOB HAWTHORNE'S HOME, 1860 Silverwood Terrace, L.A. This meeting was originally scheduled for Club headquarters, but another group is also meeting that evening, hence the change of meeting place. We hope that many Section members will be there for the meeting. Among matters on the agenda will be the subject of emblem peaks, peaks to be added or deleted from the list, proposed by law changes. The latter matter will be necessary to discuss because although the Executive Committee approved our bylaw changes as they read, we were strongly recommended to clarify and change the section on membership. This meeting will give all Section members an opportunity to make his ideas known--and the Committee needs your help and attendance.

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Ralph Conn, Cont'd from P. 2.

limited attendance (only 2 other people) he designated me as leader.....One of the remaining two went home, so Robby, Wally from Antelope Valley, and I slogged our way to the peak.....it sleeted all the way to the top. Rob got hit by a falling piece of ice that gashed his poncho, but didn't go any deeper. All in all it made an interesting hike."

Below is the questionnaire which Bob Hawthorne has asked that you return. This may be mailed with the one in last month's paper to Miriam Lyhre.

Which peaks would you like to see scheduled? \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_  
Which peaks would you lead or assist a hike? \_\_\_\_\_  
Which kinds of hikes do you prefer? Easy one-day hikes \_\_\_\_\_ Strenuous  
one-day hikes \_\_\_\_\_ 2 or 3 day car camps \_\_\_\_\_ backpacking  
\_\_\_\_\_. Other ideas for trips or hikes \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see groups split up into sections for slower and faster hikers? \_\_\_\_\_ Would you like to see some kind of classification of hikes as to degree of difficulty? \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments:

Note: On the new peak list, there was an omission of one peak: Kitching Pt. on the Yucaipa Ridge in the San Bernardino Range, 6,607'. It should be listed under Pisgah Pt.

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR DOLLAR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE NEWSLETTER?



## EMBLEM HOLDERS-Cont'd from P. 3

Ralph Morton's grin of joy and success was a thing to behold as he stood on the top of Pine Mtn..

The next big giant step is 200 peaks so we'll be keeping an eye on those gung-ho climbers!

### \*\*\*\*\* WILDERNESS CONFERENCE \*\*\*\*\*

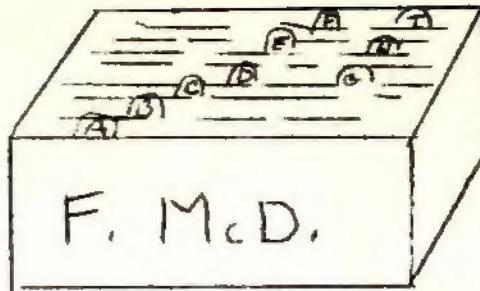
The Ninth Biennial Wilderness Conference, one of the major events sponsored by the Sierra Club, is scheduled for April 2, 3, 4 at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. Conservationists, 1100 of them in 1963, from all over the country attend. All Section members are invited to attend this conference. Details may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Genry Schunacher, Wilderness Conference, 2140 Taylor Street, San Francisco, Calif. 94133. If any of our 100-Peaks Section members do happen to attend this conference, write us about it and we will share it in the Lookout.

### \*\*\*\*\* QUESTIONNAIRE REMINDER \*\*\*\*\*

The response to the questionnaire in the last issue of the LOOKOUT regarding correct addresses, phone numbers, date of entry into the Section, etc., was very poor--only 34 responses out of some 220 members. However, it was, perhaps, not a good time to have put this questionnaire in the paper because of the myriad duties which confront us all at Christmas. It is to be hoped that you will be generous with your cooperation in this matter, and send in this questionnaire within the next few weeks.

Sincere thanks to all those who sent in their questionnaires so promptly. A large number of the 34 papers returned expressed a willingness to serve the Section in some capacity and this is heartening for the Committee.

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## FACTS FROM MC DANIEL'S FILE

### OF LITTLE KNOWN AND COMPLETELY USELESS INFORMATION

#### 25 Highest Peaks on the list:

11,502	Mt. San Gorgonio
11,201	Mt. Jonson
10,864	Mt. Anderson
10,831	Mt. San Jacinto
10,815	Mt. Charlton
10,701	Shields Mtn.
10,691	San Bernardino East Pk.
10,624	Mt. San Bernardino
10,621	Jean Pk.
10,500	Folly Pk.
10,454	Dobbs Pk.
10,315	Marion Pk.
10,240	Mt. Grinnell
10,156	Lake Pk.
10,059	Mt. San Antonio
9,952	Sugarloaf Mtn.
9,700	Cornell Pk.
9,642	Pine Mtn. #1
9,551	Mt. Dawson
9,399	Mt. Baden-Powell
9,330	Gulena Pk.
9,140	Little San Gorgonio Mtn.
9,134	Throop Pk.
9,114	Onyx Pk.
9,000	Mt. Burnham

#### 25 Lowest peaks on the list:

5,023	Hildreth	5,170	Lost Horse
5,024	Little Cornuilla Mtn.	5,185	Mt. McDill
5,033	Fox Mtn. #2	5,230	San Siovane
5,047	Iron Mtn. #3	5,265	Asbestos
5,050	Mt. Lukens	5,270	Mt. Emma
5,056	Old Mt. Emma	5,283	Round Mtn.
5,077	Eagle Crag	5,290	Monument Pk.
5,082	Ranger Pk.	5,302	Rock Point
5,100	Oakzanita Mtn.	5,308	Rabbit Pk.
5,102	Smith Mtn.	#1	
5,106	Caliente Mtn.	5,320	Cleghorn
5,124	Sheep Mtn.		
5,153	Rouse Hill		
5,165	Fox Mtn. #1		
5,175	Sawtooth Pk.		

Frank McDaniel